

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
March 1, 2012
BEDFORD TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bruce Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the first floor conference room.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Chairman Bruce Murphy, Clerk John Linz, Richard Boffa, and Associate Assessor Bruce Morgan.

GUESTS: None.

MINUTES: The minutes for the meeting of February 22, 2012 were provided. John Linz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Richard Boffa. A unanimous vote was taken on the motion to accept the minutes as written.

BUSINESS:

1. The difference between FY11 and FY12 neighborhood designations was reviewed on maps provided by Chris Nelson of the Bedford DPW.
2. Bruce Morgan will prepare information to be presented to Patriot Properties regarding neighborhood and several other significant changes made by them for FY12. Bruce Murphy will be given the information to review prior to contact with Patriot Properties.
3. Bruce Morgan reported that the owner of 178 Springs Rd has filed with the Appellate Tax Board (ATB) after receiving a denial for an FY12 abatement. Bruce will clarify with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue legal staff whether or not the Board can continue to discuss the FY12 value of a property after the Board decision but before an owner files with the ATB.
4. Bruce Morgan will keep track and report to the Board on the status of all abatements so that the Board knows if the proposed schedule is being kept.
3. Fifteen abatement applications were discussed and decisions were made to approve 10 value changes and deny five applications. The approvals were: 371 Great Rd to \$378,600; 30 Sweetwater Ave to \$425,000; 7 Mill Dam Rd to \$450,500; 2 Wildwood Dr to \$411,000; 53 Sweetwater Ave to \$475,000; 552 Springs Rd to \$470,000; 94 Page Rd to \$474,300; 19 Dunster Rd to \$400,000; 5 Appletree Ln to \$514,000; and 2 Ten Acre Dr to \$436,900. The denials were: 8 Hemlock Lane, 33 Summer St, 35 Summer St, 22 Reeves Rd, and 11 Lane Ave.

4. Signatures were completed as required.

Adjournment:

Being no other business, Richard Boffa made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by John Linz. There was no discussion on the motion and all members present voted affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Bruce Morgan, Associate Assessor

Approved by the BOA March 7, 2012

John Linz, Clerk